DEWAN: The Kayankulam road meets this road about a mile to the south of it.

MEMBER: The Engineering Department has itself stated that it is six miles to the south.

DEWAN: The Engineering Department has itself written that it is a mile to the south. The Public Works Department says that the distance is one mile and you say that it is six miles.

MEMBER: The Government must send back the report and get another.

DEWAN: It would be better to get a large scale map and find out myself how many miles it is distant.

MEMBER: Yes, Sir.

DEWAN: Then, as regards the deepening of the Pallikal todu an estimate has been prepared and it is now being revised.

As for the District Court at Mavelikara, there are not enough cases at Mavelikara to justify the creation of a court there. Anyhow the question will be included in the scope of the investigations by the agency that will deal with the re-distribution of jurisdiction of courts throughout the State.

The question of Sub-Registry offices had only recently been taken up and considered. The urgency here is not so great as in other places. We take up one after another, year by year, in the order of urgency. So this will stand over till its turn comes.

The Anchal Superintendent has already taken up the question of converting the non-departmental office at Olakettiambalam into a departmental office and I do not think there will be any delay.

MEMBER: Thank you, Sir.

DEWAN: As regards the Vishavaidyasala at Thekkekara why not cut away all the screwpines and get rid of the snakes? I shall ask the Director of Ayurveda if he can give you a grant-in-aid Vaidyasala.

105. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. K. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Member, Tiruvalla taluk, Group I*) said that the Government English Middle School for Girls, Tiruvalla, should be raised to the High School grade. As there were two Malayalam Middle Schools, a High School and several primary schools for girls in the place, the number of girls coming to the English school was sure to be on the increase. There were already two Mission High Schools for girls at Tiruvalla, but these were conducted on the residential system and were situated far away from the town. The need for an English High School situated at a convenient place in the town was therefore very imperative.

The girls' school at Mathilbhagom should be rebuilt and it should be converted into an Anglo-Vernacular school. The present building was about 50 years old. Its walls were only 6 feet high and 70 feet long. There was not sufficient ventilation in the building. The building therefore stood badly in need of re-construction. The classes in the

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school were also over-crowded. There were 70 pupils in each of classes II and IV. These classes should be split up into more divisions and each division should be given a separate teacher. The school should also be converted into an Anglo-Vernacular school.

A dispensary should be established at Mannar. The nearest hospitals were situated at Tiruvalla and Mavelikara, each 6 miles away from Mannar.

A Magistrate's court should be established at Tiruvalla. This was a question over which the people of Tiruvalla were very much agitated.

The head-quarters of the Tiruvalla taluk should not, as desired by the people of Chengannur, be shifted to that place. It should be retained at Tiruvalla.

The Alanthuruthil *chira* on the road from the M. C. road, 83rd mile, to the Mannar-Mavelikara road should be raised and a bridge should be constructed at the place.

The M. P. road which the ryots had opened as a short-cut from Paduthodu to Kizhvaipur market landing should be taken over for departmental maintenance.

The remaining portion of the Jacob road *i. e.* the portion up to Manimala should be taken over for departmental maintenance and a bridge should be constructed across the Valichayil canal. The two bridges sanctioned at Peringara and Manipuzha should also be constructed soon.

The road from the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road to Valiyakarimpuzha should be metalled.

The Paleepalam which had long been in disrepair should be demolished and reconstructed.

DEWAN'S REPLY:—Mr. Parameswaran Pillai, I do not know why you want the Government English Middle School for Girls, Tiruvalla, raised to a High School while there are two Girls' High Schools in the taluk. Any how, the Director has already referred the matter to the Inspector of Schools for investigation.

Then, as regards the reconstruction of the girls' school building at Mathilbhagom, that also has been taken up by the Director of Public Instruction as soon as he saw the list of representations to be made in this Assembly.

With respect to the need for a dispensary at Mannar, I had referred the question to the Administrative Board after last year's representation on the subject. The Board still adheres to its previous opinion that a dispensary at Mannar is not necessary as Mannar is within six miles from the District Hospital. Even at Trivandrum there are many people more than six miles away from a hospital. That is the view taken by the Administrative Board, and I personally think that no dispensary is needed in a place which is not more than six miles from a District Hospital.

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Then, as regards the establishment of a Magistrate's court at Tiruvalla, I took up the question and examined the question as to what area should be included in the jurisdiction of the Magistrate's court if one is to be established. The office here has just submitted the file to me and I shall go into the matter.

You have got five items under Public Works. You will have an opportunity of bringing these before the new Roads Board in which non-officials will have a strong voice in regulating the programme of such works.

106. Development of agriculture in the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR K. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Member, Tiruvalla taluk, Group* I) said that the following measures should be taken for the development of agriculture:—

(i) Legislation should be introduced for the compulsory cultivation of lands in private occupation.

(ii) The provisions of the Agricultural Loans Regulation should be amended so as to bring the loans within the reach of poor persons and to enable the loans being issued at low rates of interest.

(iii) Rivers, canals and other waterways included in *porambokes* should be conserved and those porambokes of public utility which had already been registered to private persons should be taken back.

(iv) Taluk boards should be established consisting of Tahsildars, members of the Legislative Council and of the Sree Mulam Popular Assembly and they should be made responsible for investigating the conditions of the people and for suggesting measures for the development of agriculture and industries in each taluk.

Among the particular needs of the Tiruvalla taluk, the Kuttapuzha scheme was a very important one. This was a scheme which was as old as the Assembly itself. It was once investigated by Mr. John Kuriyan, late Executive Engineer, and he had reported in favour of it. The Assembly having reached its Jubilee year, the scheme should be taken up this year without fail and at least Rs. 10,000 should be provided in the next year's budget for the purpose.

Even more important than this scheme was the Varattar scheme. The Varattar was an important tributary of the Pampa river. After flowing for a distance of about 7 miles through the pakuthies of Tiruvalla, Tiruvanvandur, Eraviperur and Vadakkekara it joined the Manimala river. As the name itself suggested some portions of the river were dry, but at other regions it was very deep. The Mundadichira across this river was, it was supposed, put up by some people after the great floods of 1057 in order to prevent the river swelling and causing damages again. On account of this *chira*, about 3,000 acres of paddy fields lower down the river were cut off from it and they could get neither water nor silt from it. The result was that these fields which used to yield twenty-fold and twenty-five-fold were now yielding only two-fold. If the *chira* was cut open, these fields would become

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